

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A molding machine, comprising:
a stationary platen carrying a stationary mold;
a movable platen arranged movably relative to said stationary platen and carrying a movable mold;
a first base frame supporting a first mass including said stationary platen; and
a second base frame supporting a second mass different from said first mass, said second mass including said movable platen.
2. (Original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first base frame and said second base frame are independently shiftable relative to each other.
3. (Original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of said first base frame and said second base frame is provided with a level adjusting mechanism for adjusting a relative height and a parallelism between said stationary platen and said movable platen.
4. (Original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a rear platen disposed, at a location opposite to said stationary platen, about said movable platen, and a tie bar tying said stationary platen and said rear platen with each other and defining a longitudinal axis extending in a direction of movement of said movable platen; wherein said first mass includes said rear platen and said tie bar.
5. (Original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a platen support movably supporting said movable platen on said second base frame; wherein said second mass includes said platen support.
6. (Original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a drive section for applying a drive force to said movable platen so as to move said movable platen relative to said stationary platen; wherein said first mass includes said drive section.

7. (Original) A molding machine, as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first base frame and said second base frame are locally connected to each other.

8. (New) A molding machine, comprising:
a movable platen carrying a movable mold arranged movably relative to a stationary platen carrying a stationary mold; and;
a first base frame supporting said stationary platen and a second base frame supporting said movable platen.

9. (New) A method of assembling a molding machine, comprising:
providing a first base frame and a second base frame substantially adjustable relative to the first base frame;
supporting a stationary platen carrying a stationary mold on said first base frame; and
supporting a movable platen carrying a movable mold and arranged movably relative to said stationary platen on said second base frame.